

## AFRO-AMERICAN IN CUBA

A Prominent New York Odd Fellow and Republican in Charge of Street Paving in Province of Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, Special.—Among the few representatives of Afro-Americans here, Mr. David H. Massey, of New York City, is at present, the most prominent. He is in charge of the street paving department of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company and his career demonstrates that patience and energy begets reward. From a "water boy" in 1884, at seventy-five cents a day, step by step, he has marched over the opposing walls of jealousy and race



DAVID H. MASSEY.

prejudice, to his present position of foreman; and is, at this writing, acting superintendent of his company's works in Santiago.

It is commendable that he never neglects to give work to all of his race first, which was amply tested last spring and is being duplicated now. He has worked at his business in all parts of the United States and Canada, and in 1896, was sent by the company to London, England, in full charge of work there, which he satisfactorily completed.

Mr. Massey has no frills, wears no peacock clothes, has no strident voice, no bull dog mien, is retiring but firm, gentle but commanding. He is well liked by all, the Cubans and Americans; having gained their respect during the spring and summer of this year before "yellow jack" began his annual declamation. He is popular at his home, is a past officer and active member of Theobald Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F.; Knights of Pythias and The Southern Benefit League. Many Washingtonians are friends of "Dave" Massey. He is an ardent Republican, worked hard in his, the Twenty-seventh assembly district, New York City, during the last gubernatorial campaign, and the was recipient of a very complimentary letter from Governor Roosevelt, thanking him for his "valuable services," in carrying his district to victory "through a hot fight."

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Prof. Williston Entertained.

Last Sunday evening at his home, 1642 Tenth street, Mr. J. Winston Edwards tendered a complimentary dinner to a party of his friends in honor of Prof. D. A. Williston, of the A. and M. College, Greensboro, N.C. The menu consisted of game and other seasonable and toothsome delicacies. Music, wit and repartee added to the enjoyableness of the occasion. The host was in a most congenial mood, and the company shared his spirit. Besides the host and honored guest, the others present were: Messrs. C. C. Barnett, W.

T. Blackshear, W. E. Hamilton, E. M. Madison, W. P. Finley, A. D. Jones, A. B. Graves, B. H. Critchlow, S. C. Harrison, J. N. Soanes, B. F. Rivers, J. C. Campbell, N. W. Cuney, H. P. Slaughter, C. T. Howe, and Consul L. W. Livingstone.

## WANTED TO KNOW.

Will Quay be seated,

If it is to be Mr. Delegate Chase.

Have you been to the pawnshop this year.

Why not build up a Negro employing class.

How many of our churches are out of debt.

Why seeking an office so generally unfits man for work.

Do you deposit your money with the Capital Savings Bank.

When will the second trial of Postmaster Baker's murderers.

What has become of that movement for a battery of Negro artillery.

Why the "open door" for the Negro so frequently leads to the outside.

What has become of Henry Clay Smith, Cleveland's consul to Santos.

Why the people gather so late at lyceums and all public entertainments.

If the Negro democrats can produce a successor to the late C. H. J. Taylor.

If that rumor of a national league of colored republican clubs is to crystallize into facts.

If due notice has been taken of the reconciliation between W. C. Chase and Bishop Walters.

How does Rev. W. Bishop Johnson stand on the controversy as to when the twentieth century begins.

If Roscoe Conkling Bruce isn't a splendid example of a boy who doesn't need a great name to be really great.

Will the Negro of means develop sufficient pioneer spirit to invest his money in a Philippine island enterprise.

Will the Negro take enough interest in his standing before the world to see that a creditable exhibit is made at Paris.

Why Senator Mason's sympathy propaganda will expand far enough to inspire a speech against the lynching of unconvicted black men in the South.

If Dr. Frisell is right about the three classes of Negroes—one retrograding, one standing still and another moving forward—to which class do you belong, dear reader.

Why we cannot get out of the foolish habit of multiplying "national" organizations when one strong and reliable one could accomplish far more than six feeble ones, led as a rule by seekers after personal notoriety.

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